

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE  
ANIMAL AND PLANT HEALTH INSPECTION SERVICE

OFFICIAL WARNING  
VIOLATION OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS

CASE NUMBER:  
**VA160007**

VIOLATOR:  
Bear Path Acres Animal Educational Center  
Inc.

Customer# 32452  
License# 52-C-0214

ADDRESS (Street, City, State, ZIP Code):  
34574 Smith Ferry Road  
Franklin, VA 23851

The U.S. Department of Agriculture has evidence that on or about the date(s) listed below, you or your organization committed violations of the following sections of the Code of Federal Regulations, Title 9:

**Date(s): November 13, 2015, September 15, 2015 and February 11, 2015**

**§ 3.127(b) - Facilities, outdoor.**

*Shelter from inclement weather.* Natural or artificial shelter appropriate to the local climatic conditions for the species concerned shall be provided for all animals kept outdoors to afford them protection and to prevent discomfort to such animals. Individual animals shall be acclimated before they are exposed to the extremes of the individual climate.

**Date(s): November 13, 2015 and February 11, 2015**

**§ 3.127(c) - Facilities, outdoor.**

*Drainage.* A suitable method shall be provided to rapidly eliminate excess water. The method of drainage shall comply with applicable Federal, State, and local laws and regulations relating to pollution control or the protection of the environment.

**Date(s): November 12, 2015 (DIRECT)**

**§ 2.40 - Attending veterinarian and adequate veterinary care (dealers and exhibitors). (DIRECT)**

Each dealer or exhibitor shall establish and maintain programs of adequate veterinary care that include: the use of appropriate methods to prevent, control, diagnose, and treat diseases and injuries, and the availability of emergency, weekend, and holiday care.

*The above is not intended to be an all-inclusive list. Please know that you are responsible for ensuring that your facility, animals, and property are in compliance with the Animal Welfare regulations. Inspection reports can be found on APHIS' website at:*

*<https://ucissearch.aphis.usda.gov/LPASearch/faces/Warning.jspx>.*

The Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) created federal regulations to ensure the welfare of animals and help prevent the spread of animal and plant pests and diseases. Since violations of the regulations can have serious and costly impacts that are detrimental to the public interest, APHIS is providing you with an Official Warning for the violation(s) described above. Any further violation of these federal regulations may result in the assessment of a civil penalty, criminal prosecution, or other sanctions. If you have any questions concerning this Official Warning or violation(s), please contact the APHIS official listed in this notice.

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